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- 1) 8-20230
- 2) 10-048336

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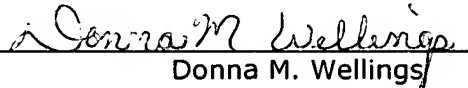
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